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TEXT:

THE FOLLOWING CABLE IS TO BE DELIVERED TO SPEAKER CARL
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URGE YOUR SUPPORT FOR RETENTION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE'S
SOLE JURISDICTION OVER RHODESIAN SANCTIONS LEGISLATION
THEREBY OPPOSING ANY ATTEMPTS AT SHARED RESPONSIBILITY
WITH ARMED SERVICES.

ANY CLAIMS THAT RHODESIAN MINERALS ARE NECESSARY FOR U.S.
NATIONAL SECUTITY ARE SPURIOUS AND HAVE BEEN DISPROVEN.
SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS ON NUMEROUS
OCCASIONS STATED THAT THE BYRD AMENDMENT, WHICH HAS ALLOWED
THE U.S. TO IMPORT RHODESIAN MINERALS IN VIOLATION OF UNITED
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NATIONS SANCTIONS, IS NOT ESSENTIAL TO OUR NATIONAL SECURITY

AND IS FURTHER DETRIMENTAL TO THE CONDUCT OF U.S. FOREIGN RELATIONS. OUR NATIONAL STOCKPILE CONTAINS SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES OF ALL GRADES OF CHROME AND FERROCHROME, SO THAT WE NEED NOT BE DEPENDENT ON ANY COUNTRY IN ANY EMERGENCY SITUATION. AND, ALTHOUGH RHODESIAN ORE HAS BEEN AVAILABLE FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS, MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT OF OUR TOTAL IMPORTS OF METALLURGICAL GRADE CHROMITE HAVE CONTINUED TO COME FROM THE SOVIET UNION - AMERICAN FERROCHROME PRODUCERS HAVE OBVIOUSLY PREFERRED THE SOVIET ORE WHICH HAPPENS TO BE THE BEST QUALITY IN THE WORLD. MORE DANGEROUSLY, IMPORTS OF RHODESIAN FERROCHROME HAVE INCREASED, IN DIRECT COMPETITION WITH OUR OWN DOMESTIC FERROCHROME INDUSTRY. AND THE UNITED STEELWORKERS OF AMERICA HAVE POINTED TO JOB LOSS IN THE AMERICAN INDUSTRY - DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO COMPETITION FROM CHEAPER RHODESIAN IMPORTS.

AND, FOR THOSE WHO STILL MAINTAIN THAT RHODESIAN MINERALS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR NATIONAL SECURITY EVEN AFTER THE ABOVE FACTS ARE BARED, IT SHOULD BE CLEAR THAT THIS IS A VERY SHORT-SIGHTED VIEW. INDEPENDENCE AND MAJORITY RULE ARE INEVITABLE IN RHODESIA. FOR THE MAJORITY RULE TO COME WITH THE BYRD AMENDMENT STILL ON THE BOOKS, MAY WELL BE HARMFUL TO FUTURE U.S. ACCESS TO RHODESIAN RESOURCES AND WOULD, HENCE, BE CONTRARY TO ANY NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS.

I AM CURRENTLY HEADING A STUDY MISSION TO SOUTHERN AFRICAN AND HAVE ALREADY HELD TALKS WITH HEADS OF STATE, HIGH-LEVEL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AND LIBERATION MOVEMENT REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR OPTIMISM THAT RHODESIA WILL HAVE MAJORITY-RULED GOVERNMENT BY THE END OF THIS YEAR. EVEN SOUTH AFRICA HAS ACCEPTED THIS INEVITABILITY AND HAS BEEN URGING IAN SMITH (LEADER OF RHODESIA'S MINORITY REGIME) TO REACH A SETTLEMENT WITH THE MAJORITY.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, THE UNITED VIEW OF THE AFRICAN COMMUNITY ON THIS ISSUE, AND THE IMMINENT INDEPENDENCE OF MOZAMBIQUE, LAND-LOCKED RHODESIA'S NEIGHBOR WHICH PROVIDES AN OUTLET TO THE SEA, THE FOREIGN POLICY AS OPPOSED TO NATIONAL SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF THE PENDING LEGISLATION ARE CLEAR. THE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL CONCERN ALSO MAKES THIS BILL CLEARLY WITHIN UNCLASSIFIED

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THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE'S SOLE PURVIEW.
STRONGLY URGE YOUR REJECTION OF ANY ATTEMPTS TO GIVE ARMED SERVICES SEMI-JURISDICTION ON SPURIOUS NATIONAL SECURITY GROUNDS. REP. CHARLES C. DIGGS, JR.
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